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COMMENTS SOUGHT ON APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK FOR BROADBAND ACCESS TO THE INTERNET OVER WIRELINE FACILITIES; UNIVERSAL SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF BROADBAND PROVIDERS; COMPUTER III FURTHER REMAND PROCEEDINGS

CC Docket Nos. 02-33; 95-20; 98-10

COMMENTS DUE: April 15, 2002

REPLY COMMENTS DUE: May 14, 2002

On February 15, 2002, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to examine the appropriate legal and policy framework under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, for broadband access to the Internet over domestic wireline facilities.¹ Through this *Notice*, the Commission seeks to classify the provision of wireline broadband Internet access services and to consider the regulatory implications of that classification. It also seeks comment on whether facilities-based providers of broadband Internet access services provided over wireline and other platforms, including cable, wireless and satellite, should be required to contribute to universal service. A summary of the *Notice* is published in the Federal Register today, at 67 Fed. Reg. 9232 (Feb. 28, 2002).

Interested parties may file comments in this proceeding no later than **April 15, 2002**. Reply comments may be filed no later than **May 14, 2002**. When filing comments, please reference **CC Docket No. 02-33, CC Docket No. 95-20, and CC Docket No. 98-10**. An original and four copies of all comments and reply comments must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204, Washington, DC 20554.² In addition, one copy of each submission must be filed with Qualex International, the Commission's duplicating contractor, at its office at Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, and one copy with Janice Myles, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C327, Washington, D.C. 20554. Documents in CC Docket No. 02-33, CC Docket No. 95-20, and CC Docket No. 98-10 are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. The documents may also be purchased from Qualex International, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898.

This proceeding shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 and 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

¹ *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities; Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers*, CC Docket No. 02-33; *Computer III Further Remand Proceedings; Bell Operating Company Provision of Enhanced Services; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of Computer III and ONA Safeguards and Requirements*, CC Docket Nos. 98-10, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 02-42 (rel. Feb. 15, 2002) (*Notice*).

² Parties are directed to the Commission's recent *Public Notice* concerning changes in the filing location and procedures for paper documents. See FCC Announces a New Filing Location for Paper Documents, *Public Notice*, DA 01-2919 (Dec. 14, 2001).

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